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MAN SENTENCED TO 21 MONTHS FOR BANK FRAUD

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that BERNARD GARRISON, 60, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his previously entered guilty plea to wire fraud. This case was the result of a investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In February 2002, GARRISON represented himself as a business investor and fraudulently induced a victim to invest in a purported printing business. Based upon the representations made by the defendant, he received a cashier's check in the amount of \$8,500. The stated purpose of these funds was to establish an escrow account for establishing a

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business partnership. Later, GARRISON received an additional \$30,000 by wire transfer from the same victim to invest in the business. All of these funds were used either GARRISON or family members for their personal use.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release following GARRISON's release from imprisonment. Garrison was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$38,500 to the victim.

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